

**REMARKS**

Favorable consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27 are present in this case with Claims 19-29 currently withdrawn.

In the present Official Action, Claims 1, 9 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Ngo et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0147117 A1 ("Ngo")).

The Examiner did indicate that Claims 2-8, 10-15 and 17-18 were allowable over the prior art.

In response, applicants hereby cancel Claims 1, 9 and 16 and respectfully reserve the right to file a continuation patent application directed to those claims.

As the Examiner has indicated that Claims 2-8, 19-15 and 17-18 comprise allowable subject matter, applicants respectfully request that submit these claims proceed to allowance.

For the reasons set forth above, the present application is in condition for allowance, a notice of which is requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' Attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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